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Roosevelt as Bugaboo.

Always interesting, Mr. Roosevelt has never been more interesting than right now.

Before the Chicago convention many Democrats coddled him in a way; spoke and wrote of him in admiring terms. They described his versatility; lauded his patriotism; wished all good luck to the red American blood in his veins. They wanted him nominated by the Republicans. They thought he would be an "easy thing" for them. But the Republicans insisted on making their own choice.

When Mr. Hughes was put up these men increased their praise of Mr. Roosevelt. They deplored the ingratitude of the Republicans, and predicted that Mr. Roosevelt could never be brought to the support of a man whose triumph over him had been brought about by the very men who had defeated him for the nomination in 1912. But Mr. Roosevelt declared for Hughes, helped carry Maine for him, and is on the eve of starting on a stumping tour which will cover a wide portion of territory admittedly debatable.

For their uses in that territory these former admirers of Mr. Roosevelt have now converted him into a bugaboo, and are giving him in that character a full advertisement. Look out, good people! A dangerous man. Has come to be the sole reliance of the Hughes candidacy. Will dominate the administration if Hughes wins. The voice may be the voice of Hughes, but the hand will be the hand of Teddy.

Consider him as at the head of the cabinet. What could keep us out of embroilment with Mexico, with Europe, or with Japan? How snugly a chip would fit on his shoulder! How certain he would be to put one there! How justly he would call attention to its presence there!

Or consider him as at the head of the War Department. What could prevent him from turning the country into an armed camp? How strongly he would appeal to all young men and college boys! How attractive he would make army life appear! What pressure he would bring to bear on Congress to secure the means for developing militarism to the top notch!

Or consider him as at the head of the Navy Department. What a floating establishment we should soon have! And how certain he would be to show it in every one of the seven seas!

It is a clever play. But the game may be overplayed in some of the territory Mr. Roosevelt is soon to cover. His slambangness is part of his power in the near west and the southwest, and, instead of a warning, it may be made an attraction by his opponents.

A Ferry to the Park.

The plan to establish a ferry across the Washington channel or harbor to give access to the lower section of Potomac Park is admirable, and should be carried through without fail. With the completion of the recreation grounds in the new section of the park thousands of people will wish to reach it who have no direct means of transportation. The street cars at present run only to the bridge, whereas the athletic fields will be located at some distance below that point. The ferry service will give a more direct approach to the public playgrounds, and if maintained at a reasonable rate of fare, in private hands, will be of great public convenience. The present purpose is to keep the service strictly under government control and auspices, even though the actual ferry may be privately maintained. This is important to assure adequate facilities and the proper safeguarding of the public in operation. It is also important that every precaution be taken against accidents. In the event of great numbers visiting the park on special occasions of athletic games there will be some danger of overcrowding. Ultimately it may be desirable to lay car tracks to the athletic fields for use at times of big events. The plan would compel a widening of the opening under the railway line, which at present is none too broad for the safe accommodation of heavy road traffic.

One of the campaign slogans is "Look out for the locomotive brotherhood."

The Greek government is mostly crisis of one kind or another.

The Democracy and the Judiciary.

Again the bench supplies a candidate for political office. The Democrats of Arkansas have gone to the supreme court of the state for the man to succeed Mr. Clarke in the United States Senate. As there is practically but one party in the state, the nomination is equivalent to election.

Judge Kirby, the man chosen, must possess ability and character, or he could not have reached so high a place in the state's judiciary. Probably, too, he is acceptable to both factions of his party, and was selected on that account. His

place on the bench had protected him from the taint of factionism.

That such a man will serve well in the Senate is an easy expectation. Transferred from the placidity of the courtroom to an animated arena of politics, he will take up and go right along with his new duties. Some of the training acquired in the old place will be of use in the new. Judge Kirby will be of assistance to Senator Kirby.

The attention of Richard Olney should be called to this. He has been giving the subject attention, and in Mr. Hughes' case has criticized the invasion of the bench by politicians seeking a candidate. Will it make any difference to him what politicians were active, and what judge taken?

There is nothing new or alarming in such proceedings. We transfer politicians to the bench, and why not judges to politics? It is often done. The President has just transferred an active and capable party leader from the House of Representatives to the Court of Claims. Mr. Hay of Virginia has just become Judge Hay of Washington; and his friends are certain he has not been injured for public service. He knew the courtroom before he knew the House, and has now returned to the courtroom probably a rounder and fuller man. As Judge Kirby will assist Senator Kirby, Representative Hay should assist Judge Hay.

It was the President who saved his party from a very foolish performance at St. Louis. Some of his lieutenants—veterans in politics by comparison with himself—realizing that Judge Hughes would prove a strong candidate, and one difficult of attack on any personal ground, wanted to criticize him in the platform for leaving the bench for politics. But Mr. Wilson vetoed the suggestion. He saw the danger. Had such a plank gone into the national platform, how frequently the Republicans of New York would now be quoting it against Judge Seabury, and the Republicans of Arkansas against Judge Kirby! Mr. Wilson the novice was wiser than the old workmen who were knocking the platform together.

Fire Prevention Day.

Present plans indicate that Washington will next Monday observe Fire Prevention day in a manner to arouse the people of the District thoroughly to the importance of greater carefulness in the management of domestic and business premises in precaution against fire. Much work in this line can be done through the children, and features of the program for the day include brief exercises in the schools, with fire drills and perhaps fire-extinguishing demonstrations, together with neighborhood parades of the fire apparatus in the region of the different school buildings. Among the adults much can be done toward fire prevention by emphasizing the importance of systematic inspection of premises and examination of fire extinguishers. The mechanical devices for the quick quenching of fires at the start should be periodically overhauled to make sure of their readiness for service. In the business district the majority of fires start in basements and cellars, the frequent inspection of which is desirable as a means of detecting dangerous conditions.

Most fires are the result of negligence and carelessness. Indeed, it is an axiom that practically all fires are preventable. They should not be regarded as an inevitable visitation. Washington is so situated as to bring the fire loss to a very low minimum. It has every facility for fighting fires when they develop, and few conditions prevail favorable to the rapid spread of fires when they occur. By a systematic inspection of all premises at least once a year and by the inculcation of the principles of fire prevention among the people of all classes and ages it is possible to bring the losses even below the present point. This is to the interest of everybody, as with a reduction in the fire losses should naturally come a reduction in the insurance rates in proportion.

The intrusion of the unreliable "human element" upsets even the machinery of food distribution. Whatever happens to the milk supply, New York is compelled to admit that it was not the cow's fault.

The food experts of the Department of Agriculture propose to investigate the food value of the clam. This is the first suggestion that the clam digger is entitled to classification as an agriculturist.

A Chicago man impersonated Hughes and hoaxed several thousand Mystic Shriner in Philadelphia. It may be necessary to broaden the scope of the laws against counterfeiting.

Should actors decide to strike, the public may have an opportunity to hear them declaim without charge.

The scarcity of dyestuffs may yet interfere with the color of some of the foodstuffs.

Safety Devices at Navy Yard.

The statistics of injuries to workmen at the Washington navy yard lately compiled by Past Assistant Surgeon W. A. Bloedorn of the navy bring out many facts and features of general interest. The figures cover a period of two years, beginning January 1, 1914, and with an average number of 3,202 men employed, 2,178 reported one or more injuries. A total of 4,711 injuries was sustained and of these injuries 1,263 were received by 188 men. The figures seem large and the number of injuries sustained by a comparatively small number of the workmen seems significant.

The propaganda of "safety first" is being spread among workers in industrial plants, and the adoption of guards and other safety devices in the use of tools

and about machinery is coming more to be employed. The government of the United States in its own plants should be a leader in this important work and furnish an example for private industrial concerns. The naval surgeon who made the recent investigation recommends that the use of protective goggles be made compulsory for all employees engaged in work which exposes the eye to injury from flying particles; that particular attention be given to the shops that show a high percentage of injuries; and that exposed shafts, belts, pulleys, fly-wheels, gears, circular and hand saws, and emery wheels be provided with guards wherever practicable. These recommendations appear to be sane and practicable, and will, without doubt, receive the consideration they deserve.

Clams.

The clam has long stood as a symbol of secretiveness. To be as silent as a clam is to be the extreme of reticence. Just why the clam should gain this reputation rather than its cousin the oyster is not known, and yet the oyster has comparatively a frank and open disposition. Its habits are well known, and it is not rated as a mystery. Now the inquisitive eye of government is fastened on the clam. Suspicion has been aroused that the bivalve is not altogether orthodox in its diet, and that it is not fully dependable as an article of food. Medical records point to many a case of distress due to indiscretions in clam eating, and so an effort is now to be made to find out something about the clam, its habits, its tastes and the reasons, if possible, why it turns upon its consumers occasionally and rends them with pains. Thus it may be that the secret life of the clam will be laid bare, and the mollusk will no longer stand as the model of secrecy. Hygiene may gain in knowledge at the cost of the clam's reputation as a creature of mystery.

The fact that Nebraska cheered President Wilson lustily must not be taken as evidence that William J. Bryan and Henry Ford have been wholly supplanted in the affections of the good old state.

T. R.'s statement that Germany has suspended submarine war because England has captured most of the Kaiser's U boats indicates that some unexcused information is coming through.

The public may not be definitely represented on the commission to investigate the workings of the eight-hour law. But it will have the distinction of being the subject of the experiment.

Campaigning is not what it used to be. Never before have so many theories been expressed without calling on the word "Utopian" for a spell of overwork.

There are junctures in the campaign when the President himself finds it impossible to limit the working day to eight hours.

The campaign consumption of white paper is something ominous to contemplate in these times of wood pulp shortage.

Venezuela wants to buy American incubators. Castro has proved a failure, even as a conspiracy hatcher.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Complacently Content.

"You are sure this prosperity you mention is genuine?"
"Absolutely," replied Mr. Dustin Stax. "I know of a dozen men that'll go broke next week because I managed to squeeze them in the market."

The Difference.

A pessimist is sad, indeed, because his garden went to seed. The optimist, with courage true, just plants the seed and hopes anew.

Economics.

"The great problem in this country," said the grimly serious citizen, "is the question of supply and demand."
"That's right," replied the fan; "every year I'm scared for fear there won't be enough world series tickets to go 'round."

Learning.

"Is your daughter learning to sing?"
"That isn't what's bothering me. What remains to be seen is whether I can learn to listen to her without starting a family row."

According to Agreement.

"Didn't you say 'satisfaction guaranteed'?"
"Yes," replied the suave salesman. "But we didn't say whose. Our satisfaction with the transaction is unquestioned."

Some Day.

Some day, some day—it won't be long—we may forget the campaign song. No thoughts contentious will expand Amid the music of the band.

Some day we may walk down the street With careless and unrhymed feet, Nor feel each journey should be made In a political parade.

Some day we'll talk just as of yore Of climate and the base ball score, And thank the fates with joy sublime That campaigns can't last all the time.

Psychological Arrival.

From the Springfield Republican.
The arrival of the Bremen at New London is merely psychological.

Overwork.

From the Boston Transcript.
Mr. Hughes is threatened with loss of voice, and we expect to hear any day that Mr. Wilson is down with writer's cramp.

Ah! Sweet Confidence!

From the Memphis (Tenn.) Commercial-Appel.
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Coat collars grow larger and cuffs deeper.

Waists and Dresses nearly all have touches of braiding or embroidery.

Evening Gowns are of the most unusual color combinations.

A decided preference is noted for the New Orchid Shade for evening wear.

Rubber Gray is a new color rapidly becoming very popular.

The Crown Collar on waists and dresses makes the neck finish more becoming and neat.

The Vodka Waist effect is prominent in the new waists and dresses; a Vodka suggestion is seen on some of the elaborate coats.

Yarn embroidery and Chenille trimming are used on dresses, blouses and millinery.

Metal Cloth is combined most effectively with silks, nets and velvets for evening wear.

Fox, Seal and Mole are the most popular furs of the season.

Oriental, Japanese and Bulgarian colorings are boldly used on some of the garments, and are very effectively harmonized with the soft shaded fabrics.

Heavy Beaded Bandings trim the daintiest and sheerest Georgette crepe waists and dresses.

Sequins retain their popularity as a trimming; the bodies of many evening dresses are completely fashioned of them.

Skirts to suits and dresses are fuller, and remain quite short.

The millinery models are more distinctive and individual than ever, marked with simplicity and diversity.

Fur Stoles and Scarfs are taking the place of the animal neckpiece in many instances.

Many of the coat suits are lined to the waist with white, and below the waist with self-colored silk; others have elaborate figured linings.

Gold and Silver Flowers trim many of the evening gowns.

Much favoritism is shown the One-Piece Serge Dress.

Burgundy and taupe are recognized as the leading colors.

Pockets are all shapes and sizes. Handsome embroidered buttons are freely used as trimmings.

The Long Coat is unusually popular; Cut Bolivia Cloth is one of the richest fabrics ever used for coats.

Inset girdles and inverted sash effects are new touches to be found on several of the very individual coats.

Carved, jeweled and painted buttons, immense in size, trim some of the handsome coats and suits.

Long, flowing sleeves are noted in some of the more extreme evening gowns. The collar detail on one-piece dresses is very important.

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